

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions illustrate the dangers of media consolidation. The owner's intent to preempt normal broadcasting to air an anti-Kerry documentary proves that we need less concentration, not more which is what Sinclair, Murdoch and the other oligopolists are pushing for. Sinclair wants Bush to win because he favors loosening already lax controls.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.